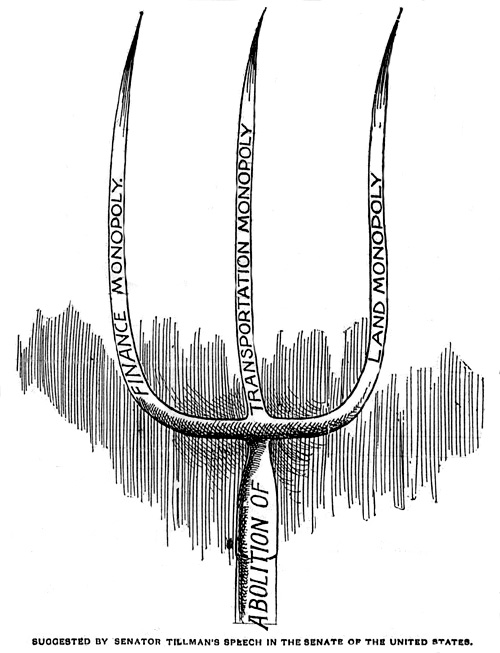
**Populism & the Populist Movement: Guided Practice**

Directions: Examine the following documents based on the Populist Movement. Answer the questions for each document.

**Political Cartoon #1:**

1. **What do you think a pitchfork is used for?**
2. **Why might a pitchfork be used to symbolize the Populist Party?**
3. **What are the three things that the Populist Party wants to get rid of a monopoly on?**
4. **How do you know?**

**Political Cartoon #2:**



1. **What do you see in this picture?**
2. **What words are in this picture?**
3. **What do you think this picture could represent?**
4. **What does it look like the man in this picture is going to do?**

**Source #3: Populist Party Newspaper Poem**

The continuance of the "present gold standard" means:

Ruin;

Rage;

Riots;

Debts;

Crime;

Strikes;

Tramps;

Poverty;

Mortgages;

Hard times;

Sheriff sales;

More panics;

Less churches;

Close factories;

Business failures;

Fewer preachers;

More soup houses;

Homeless families;

A debauched ballot;

Twenty-cent wheat;

Less improvements;

Uneducated children;

Suffering and misery;

Crowded alms houses;

A dearth of marriages;

Two-dollars-a-ton hay;

Idleness and stagnation;

Two-cent-a-pound hogs;

Five-cent-a-pound butter;

Ten-dollars-a-head mules;

Falling prices for all product;

Hungry women and children;

Ten-cent-a-bushel potatoes;

Pauper prices for vegetables;

Two-dollars-and-a-half horses;

A contraction of the currency;

A dear dollar and a cheap man;

Twenty-five-cents-a-day labor;

Half clothed women and children;

Coxey armies marching through the land.

--[People's Party Paper](http://projects.vassar.edu/1896/journals.html#ppp), 16 October 1896

1. **Summarize the above poem in 3 sentences or less.**
2. **What are some things that will suffer if the Gold Standard continues?**
3. **What will the Gold Standard do to prices, according to the Populists?**

**Source #4: Populist Newspaper Article:**

**WOULD AFFECT** [**WOMEN**](http://projects.vassar.edu/1896/women.html)**.**

**Free Silver of Vital Import to Wives and Mothers of Wage-Earners.**

While the value of the wages earned by everyone who works for a living will be greatly reduced by the free coinage of silver, the working women will be far worse off than the men. Their wages will not probably be reduced in a greater ratio than the wages of the men, but they will stand a poorer chance of securing an advance to meet the increased cost of living. They will have to submit to the hardship of high prices and low wages with less hope of remedying their condition.

One principle cause of this disadvantage is that the women employed in productive industries have not the organized unions with which to sustain their interests.... The lack of organizations of their own will leave the thousands of women workers in our manufacturing industries at a marked disadvantage if their wages should be cut down in value by the free coinage of silver and the consequent depreciation of the money in which they were paid.

--[National Register](http://projects.vassar.edu/1896/journals.html#register), October 10 1896 (reprinted from Boston Post)

1. **Will it affect women the same as men? How do you know?**
2. **What will happen with their prices and wages?**
3. **What types of jobs are women employed in?**
4. **How will the free coinage of silver effect working women?**
5. **Why do you think this newspaper article focuses on affecting just women, and not men also?**